

QUESTION OF TIME

Council Must Go Back to Old Method of Paying Bills.

PRESENT PLAN DOESN'T WORK

Personnel of the Investigating Committee Not Yet Decided Upon. The Financial Feature Must be Settled First. The Controversy.

Who will go on the tour of investigation and inspection for the purpose of learning the paying business? This is a question that will not be answered until it is learned who will foot the bill.

When the question was first broached, it was understood, as a matter of course, that the city would pay the expenses of the party, inasmuch as it will go away on the business of the city, but when the matter came up before the council it was found that there were not enough present in favor of sending a committee to authorize an appropriation for the purpose, so those who wanted to send the party voted to do so, but did not take up the question of appropriation. This will doubtless be brought up at the next meeting of the council. Should it be decided that the members of the committee should pay their own expenses, a sufficient number have already announced their willingness to do so, but it is not believed that this will be required of them, for if the committee attends to the business on which it will be sent, it will certainly earn its expenses. If it does not attend to its business, there will be no need of sending it.

The question of going back to the old method of paying bills against the city has been brought up, and sooner or later will have to be acted upon. Formerly, it will be recalled, the bills were considered by the whole council at a certain meeting each month. The people knew when this meeting would occur, and the system, which is employed in most of the cities in the State, worked very satisfactorily, except for the fact that it consumed a good deal of time. It was decided, after awhile, to let the various committees pay the bills without bothering the council with them. The theory of this method is apparently all right, but in practice it has not worked out in practice. The people who have bills against the city do not know when the different committees meet, and they do not always know to what committee to go. The result is that a large number of unpaid bills have accumulated, and have never been considered by any of the committees. The city auditor is being worried into a premature grant, and those who want their money for labor performed are mad.

The council has not yet considered the matter of erecting a crematory, but the proposition will come before it in shape for discussion in a short time. What will be done with it cannot be said, but the importance of having a crematory is admitted by all. The only question is where the money is to come from. It is urged that it is a public necessity and that the money must be found. The present system of disposing of garbage is both unsanitary and disagreeable. It is very unsatisfactory to citizens, public and private.

It will not be long before Newport News will take up the serious consideration of the matter of municipal ownership of public institutions, with especial reference to street lighting. Reports of investigations into the results of municipal ownership of lighting plants in certain cities in England have opened the eyes of Americans. In Birmingham the price of gas has been reduced by the method from \$1.25 to 50 cents, and a profit is being made at that.

LIKE A NARROW WASTE.

The Anti-Election Yeats Scandal Before.

The time which must elapse between this and the election stretches out like a dreary desert, and by the time the people are called upon to vote for the nominees of their choice they will have almost forgotten who they are. So much for having early conventions. The question of whether the Republicans will bring out a legislative ticket is one that is being debated in the circles of the party. The old breed in the ranks has never been closed, and a fight for representation from this district in the legislature will mean the widening of it again.

It is said the Sandy Moss, the noted Warwick county erstwhile supervisor, who made such a record during the snapshop times, will be a candidate for the State Senate. If he gets together enough people to consider his nomination. If enough people are gotten together for this purpose, the chances are that they will employ their time considering the claims of some one else.

But the great mass of people are not interesting themselves especially at this time in direct politics, and care very little for the planning of individual or collective politicians. When the proper time comes, the various factions and parties will fight it out, and the lucky men will win.

Considerably more attention is paid to municipal politics. The candidacy of Mr. A. L. Powell, president of the council, is being variously considered. Up to date he is the only gentleman who has been definitely announced as a candidate, but there are others who will come out. Until they do, very little idea can be formed of Mr. Powell's chances for the place.

It was stated some time ago that Mayor Moss would be a candidate for re-election and this has never been denied. He will, of course, in such event, be an important factor in the race. A number of conflicting elements will be represented in the contest and it is probable from the present outlook that it will be an exciting one.

A MAD HORSE

Was Shot Yesterday by Police Officer Shorter.

Officer Shorter yesterday shot a horse belonging to Mr. R. J. Fitzsimmons. The animal had hyperphobia, according to Veterinary Surgeon Miller, who had been attending it for several days. It had every symptom of the disease, and suffered the most intense agony. It is not known where or how the horse got the disease, but it is believed that it was bitten by a dog which was shot on Twenty-eighth street last week.

Miss Borthie H. Straffman is visiting her brother, Mr. W. D. Straffman, on Thirty-fourth street.

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THE POLICE COMMISSIONERS

INTERESTING MEETING WAS HELD LAST NIGHT.

The Last Meeting of a Legal On. Charges Against Officers Crawford and Shorter.

The Board of Police Commissioners, all members present, met in regular session last night. The occasion was an interesting one. At the start, there was a nice question to decide. Mr. Stuart held that the meeting of last Thursday was not legal on the ground that he had not been notified. After considerable discussion, this view of the case was accepted by the board. The police meeting took up the business transacted last Thursday and considered it just as though it had never come up before.

The resolution of the board instructing the secretary to go before the council and ask for ten more men was changed to make the number of men five, and to ask for a patrol wagon. In the matter of charges against Officers C. B. Crawford and J. W. Shorter, there was much discussion. The officers, it is charged, went up to Warwick Courthouse some time ago and participated in the political mass meeting. At the meeting of last Thursday, Mr. MacKay brought these charges, the chief of police making a statement to the effect that the policemen had gone to the court house. He said he did not know why they went, but had heard that they had participated in the meeting and had made speeches. The chief did not bring any charges.

Last night Mr. Stuart moved to leave the matter of bringing charges against the two officers to the discretion of the chief, he knowing the circumstances, and being amply qualified to decide whether the men had committed an offense of sufficient gravity to warrant a trial. He urged that the commissioners, of their own knowledge, knew nothing, while the chief, being in touch with the men, and over them, was in a position to act rationally in the matter. He was voted down by the other two commissioners who, as a majority of the board, instructed the chief to file charges in writing against the officers.

Mr. MacKay wanted to try the men at once, saying that they were ready to stand trial and had their witnesses on hand. Mr. Stuart called his attention to the fact that in the first place, such action would not be in accord with the regulations, which required that the men should be served with written notification and copies of the charges and specifications; secondly, that while the officers might be ready for trial, the department was not. He showed that the department did not have a single witness to produce to show that the officers violated the regulations, and declared that to try them at that time would be simply to acquit them; that it was foolish to charge a man unless there was evidence to sustain the charges, and still more foolish to go into trial without being able to produce that evidence. He therefore urged that the trial be postponed. In this he was supported by Mr. Wilson, and accordingly the trial was postponed until next Monday.

The authority of special officer N. T. Mallory was revoked and he was dismissed from the force as a special.

The board received the report of the chief of police, and transacted some minor routine business of no public importance.

IMPORTS FOR THE MONTH.

The Total for Immediate Consumption Was \$150,324.

The total value of the immediate consumption in ports received here last month was \$150,324; entered for warehouse, \$1,372; total, \$151,696, received as follows:

England	\$72,141
Germany	49,490
France	14,208
Belgium	7,077
Austria-Hungary	4,861
West Indies	2,885
Italy	34
Total	\$151,696
Of this amount, \$54,651 was free of duty and \$117,045 was subject to duty.	
British steamers carried \$97,511 worth and German steamers, \$54,385.	
Among the principal imports were:	
Earthware	\$7,059
Clay	3,419
Bleaching powder	6,086
Mineral oil	10,099
Expressed or fixed oil	9,030
Bananas	2,885
Household effects	7,729
Bagging	4,674
Bags	3,278
Glassware	3,178
Trunk	2,202
Malt liquors	5,500
Mfg. of paper	3,540
Toys	27,306

IT WAS WARM.

Yesterday would hardly have been taken for an autumn day by a man unfamiliar with the calendar. It was one of the hottest days of the season, and man and beast suffered. The thermometer registered as high as 98 degrees, and people thought it was lots hotter.

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9-2-101.

Dr. G. B. Pearson announces the removal of his office and residence into Mr. Klasky's new building, 131 33d street.

9-6-61.

E. PEYSER, National Bank Bldg.

AGENTS FOR W. L. DOUGLAS SHOES BEST IN THE WORLD.

FROM EARLY MORN

Till Dewy Eve Off cer Destill Was on the Chase.

BUT HE NEVER FOUND HIM

It's Being the Part Proprietor of the Point of Pines Whom Rev. Mr. MacKay and Others Would Like to See.

When Joe Destill, one of Hampton's finest, returned to that thriving little city last evening, he was the tireddest man on the Peninsula.

"It was the worst chase I ever had," said he, "and I haven't found him yet." Officer Destill's pathetic reference was to Mr. John A. Lyons, one of the proprietors of the Point of Pines Park. Rev. Thos. J. MacKay and certain members of the Second Baptist church inaugurated a campaign against the park some time ago, and after some time, employed, counsel, Col. J. C. Baker, and secured evidence against Mr. Lyons on five warrants, which were sworn out before Justice Richardson, of Hampton, by Henry McCann. The cases were to have come up before His Honor yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, and the plan was duly announced. Perhaps that is one reason that Mr. Destill was tired yesterday.

These warrants charge as follows: That Mr. Lyons sold beer on September 3rd, to E. S. Spears, a minor. That he sold beer to Magruder Jones on Sunday, August 27th.

That on divers occasions he sold liquor without license. That on September 3, Sunday, he sold beer to E. S. Spears.

Armed with these warrants, Officer Destill started out yesterday bright and early to look for his man. He searched from early morn to dewy eve, but no sign of the individual he wanted could be found. He went to the Point of Pines, but Mr. Lyons was not there, and no one at the place knew where he was.

He went to the home of Mr. Lyons, but he did not find him there. He went to the Hotel Philadelphia, which has been run by Mr. Lyons, but he could not find him there, and no one on the premises had any idea where he was.

He went to the police headquarters, but he did not find him there. He walked over most of the streets and avenues of the city, but he failed to discover him.

He visited numerous places where a man might sometimes be, but never a time did he get a glimpse of the proprietor of the Point of Pines. And so Officer Destill went back empty handed, and the trial that was going to cause such a sensation never materialized.

Mr. White, the other proprietor of the park, closed it up last night, and says that he will not open it until next season. During the afternoon, Rev. T. J. MacKay was introduced to Mr. Lyons on the street and the two had an interesting conversation. In the course of which the park man explained to the preacher that he was not responsible for any of the things that were done at the park during his absence from the city, that he never favored "Sunday concerts," and that he had always done business on the square, and so forth.

Mr. MacKay, in turn, remarked that the "Sunday concert" feature was in direct opposition to the churches, which were open on the Sabbath day for the people. These warrants are not the only troublesome papers that are out against Mr. Lyons. He has a number of creditors here, and to some of them he gave checks last Saturday. When these checks were presented at the bank for payment Tuesday, it was discovered that there was no money there to pay them with, and the creditors are also looking for Mr. Lyons, but more especially and particularly are they looking for the cash.

The performers at the Pines have fared badly, but Tuesday night fortune was kind to them. In the wee sma' hours of yesterday, an aggregation was seen coming down Washington avenue. It was composed of Gus Saville, the stage manager, and the actresses.

The pockets of Gus were bulging out with nickels and dimes.

"We are said Gus, 'we have been robbed, and that's a fact, but I have it tonight.'"

"You see, when the gates opened tonight, I went out to take in the receipts. Mr. Lyons came out and found me there and told me to go away. I said to him, 'Mr. Lyons,' said I, 'if you don't go away, I'll knock your blanketyblank head off. I am going to take in this three dollars tonight.'"

"Well, would you believe it, it was the best night we had had in months. Such a night! We had been playing to no business at all, but tonight we were crowded. I took in \$22.50 and I have it about my person. See? My friends here stood by me, and we did."

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9-7-td M. B. VEST, Cashier.

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Remnants of Ribbons.

Light and Dark Shades, also Fancy Satins, Gross Grains and Taffetas. Prices on these reduced to halves and even less.

Remnants of Laces.

Silk Laces, Valenciennes Laces, Torchon Laces, in fact all kinds of Lace remnants. Prices low enough to please you; too low to please other merchants.

Remnants of White Goods.

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Bathing Suits \$1.98.

All our \$3.00 Bathing Suits will go at \$1.98 each.

White Skirts.

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Black Silk Crepons, per Yard, 98c.

A handsome line of black silk crepons, four patterns to select from. The \$1.50 and \$1.25 quality will be sold during this removal sale at 95c a yard.

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Ladies' Sailor Hats that sold at \$1.50, \$1.25 and \$1.00, will be sold at 50c and 75c.

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All the Sailor Hats we have left at 50c, 40c, and 30c, will go at 19c.

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